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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Mike Nipke

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Examiner: Winnie S. Yip

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Yip:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004.

This Amendment is timely because it is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for reply ending January 28, 2005. Please enter and consider the following: